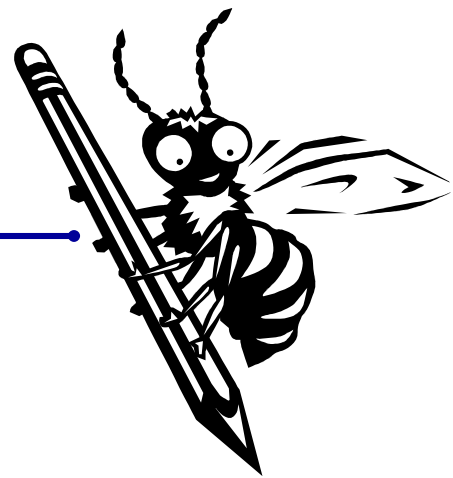


# Youth Services Notes



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## Helping Homeschoolers

- Talk to homeschoolers who visit the library. Find out what the homeschoolers in the area are looking for. Remember, not all homeschoolers are the same.
- Make sure people can find homeschooling materials—they can't check out what they can't find. Make a special section for homeschooling materials. Spine labels or pathfinders can make resources more visible.
- Learn what homeschooling groups are active in the community, what their missions are, and who is running them. Tap into existing networks using word-of-mouth interaction. Remember that homeschoolers can be ultra-sensitive about privacy issues.
- Allow and encourage homeschoolers to use library meeting room space. This gets the homeschoolers into your library and provides the opportunity to market library resources and services.
- Display projects created by homeschooled children and teens.
- Create handouts of the state laws and regulations pertaining to homeschoolers.
- Maintain a file of catalogs from companies that sell materials and supplies of interest to homeschoolers. Items can be stored in boxes and either circulated or made available as reference materials.
- Extend any privileges made for to public and private school teachers (extended loan, no overdue fines, increased limits, etc.) to homeschoolers. Homeschooling parents are teachers.
- Consider the needs of homeschoolers when creating library policies such as meeting rooms, loan periods, item limits, interlibrary loan fees, overdue fines/maximum fines, and volunteer programs.
- Attend local homeschooling conferences, lectures, and curriculum fairs. Talk to homeschoolers to find out what they are talking about. Look at potential acquisitions for your collection. Attend annual state homeschooling conference

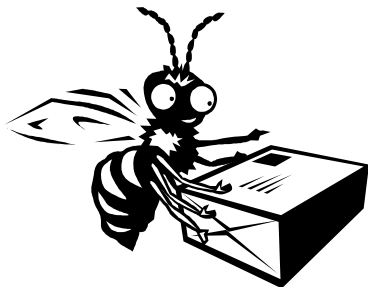
### Points of Interest

- Library of Virginia Mini Grant Applications are due March 15. Applications and information may be found at [www.vpl.lib.va.us/funding/index.asp](http://www.vpl.lib.va.us/funding/index.asp)
- Winter Reading Program — A generic reading book log is available for libraries to download and use at <http://virginialibraries.pbworks.com/>
- Two Homeschooling organizations in Virginia are **Home Educators Association of Virginia** and **Organization of Virginia Homeschoolers**
- A homeschooling blog — “Homeschooling and Libraries” by Adrienne Furness — may be found at <http://homeschoolingandlibraries.wordpress.com/> Adrienne Furness is author of the ALA publication **Helping Homeschoolers in the Library**

Taken from **Library Success: A Best Practice Wiki**

[www.libsuccess.org/index.php?title=Library\\_Services\\_for\\_Homeschoolers](http://www.libsuccess.org/index.php?title=Library_Services_for_Homeschoolers) based on works by Adrienne Furness author of **Helping Homeschoolers in the Library**

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Thank you to everyone who emailed me some great ideas for our Percy Jackson Party! I have attached a Word document of all the ideas that were sent to me. Hope this can help some other people, too!

Maureen Gaspari  
New Jersey

Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief arrives in theaters nationwide on February 12th — based on the #1 New York Times best-selling Percy Jackson & the Olympians series — and Disney-Hyperion wants to help you get ready!

Whether you're planning an event or looking for teaching ideas – check out [www.percyjacksonbooks.com](http://www.percyjacksonbooks.com) for a variety of downloadables for the entire Percy Jackson series. Click on “Olympic Downloads” to find party ideas, discussion guides, activity sheets, quizzes, and more!

Haven't seen the movie preview yet? Click here: [www.percyjacksonthemovie.com/](http://www.percyjacksonthemovie.com/)

We did a program in the fall and had each station representing a god/goddess, so there was an origami heart table and a beading table where they could make a necklace, bracelet or bookmark using beads they picked and decorated if they wanted - for instance I had plain white beads that we drew skulls onto for Hades, plus some kids did flowers for Persephone and one even drew a trident for Poseidon. There were also beads of different colors or shapes and the kids could put their own interpretation on what represented whom! They were both popular crafts.

I'm doing a relay race and then playing the official Jeopardy! game which will have Percy Jackson and general mythology questions. For the relay race there will be 10 stations, at each station there will be hidden "gold coins" for them to put in their Hades coin purse for extra points.

Artemis Station .....javelin throwing-javelins will be long balloons

Perceus Station .....sword making

Apollo Station.....wreath making out of foam leaves and floral wire

Aphrodite Station .....make a toga on another team member out of toilet paper

Athena Station .....make a name tag for themselves in Ancient Greek

Hermes Station .....make 1 pair of duct tape sandal w/wings

Zeus Station.....bolt toss-throw 3 clothespins through hanging hoop

Ares Station.....shield making

Poseidon Station.....make a fish necklace out of Ellison die fish

Percy Jackson Game ideas

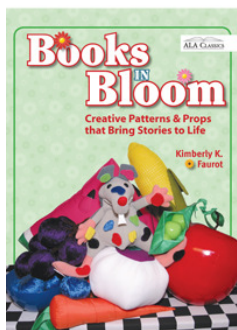
Olympics: Discus (Frisbee) throwing contest. I used Frisbee golf Frisbees because they are smaller.

Greek God/Demigod Bingo. Use images to make bingo cards with pictures of book characters and show the pictures rather than calling out the names.



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## Upcoming Workshops



### Bringing Your Storytimes to Life Using Puppets and Pizzazz

Presented by

Kimberly Faurot

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Abingdon - Monday, April 26, 2010

Lynchburg - Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Chinn Park - Thursday, April 29, 2010

Richmond - Friday, April 30, 2010

Kimberly Faurot is the author of **Books in Bloom: Creative Patterns & Props that Bring Stories to Life**, **Mother Goose Rhyme Time series** and **Storytime Around the Year**. Kim will showcase different methods of presenting children's literature in alternative ways, as well as suggestions for creatively integrating early literacy concepts into storytime programming. Both simple and complex presentation ideas will be included, as well as an overview of rudimentary puppetry techniques. Her books will be sold at the workshop.

Cost \$25.00 (includes light brunch and box lunch)

To register for the workshop go to <http://host5.evanced.info/lva/evanced/eventcalendar.asp> and click on date of the program. For more information, contact Enid Costley.

[This now open to other organizations.](#)

## Program Swap for 2010 Summer Reading

### Youth Services Forum, Region V

Thursday, March 4, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

At Salem Church Library

2607 Salem Church Road

Fredericksburg, VA 22407-6451

Program Swap: Bring a program idea and handouts to share for either children or teens in the 2010 Summer Reading Program

Tour the newly renovated Salem Church Library

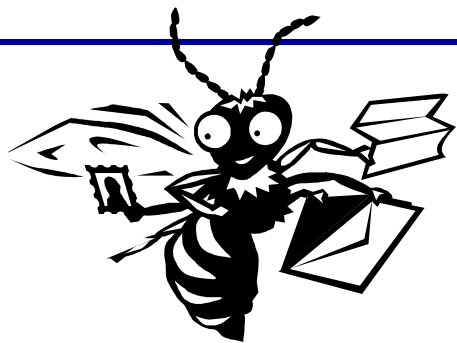
Registration fee is \$5 for VLA members (\$10 for non-members).

For registration forms contact: Jody Lewandowski by emailing [jlewandowski@crll.org](mailto:jlewandowski@crll.org) at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, 1201 Caroline St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

Registrations must be postmarked by February 24, 2010.

## I am Moving, I am Learning

Workshops will be presented in May with the Virginia Department of Social Services. I am Moving I am Learning is a proactive approach for addressing Childhood Obesity. Please invite your Head Start staff in your community to attend.



### Notes from the Desk of the Children's and Youth Services Consultant

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## Welcome

Sarah Vaughan - Roanoke County Public Library

Patricia Quinn - Wythe County Public Library

## Kudos

The Loudoun County Public Library teen volunteers have raised over **\$4,000** for Ethiopia Reads, through a community event with Reed Elsevier, hundreds of books have been donated to Ethiopia Reads. Tony Carmack, Loudoun County Public Library, took part in a ceremony ALA President's Program.

## Nominations

The Library of Virginia is accepting nominations to the Youth Services Advisory Committee. You may nominate yourself. Applications are found at <http://virginalibraries.pbworks.com/>

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Had kids draw names out of a box when they entered to room to see which god "claimed them".

Percy/Mythology trivia: categories included "Who's Their Daddy?", "Geography Percy Style", and "What's your cabin?"

A Toilet Paper Toga Relay (group event---each team had two rolls of TP and had to dress their team the fastest

Didn't do this game, but it sounds fun: Thunderbolt, Trident, Helm of Darkness (for individual points--rock, paper, scissors tournament. HOD was a fist. Thunderbolt was pinky and thumb extended, hang ten/surfer-style. Trident was three fingers extended. Thunderbolt beats trident because it can't be shattered or shaken. Trident beats

HOD because it can shake the ground underneath a person even if the person is invisible. HOD beats thunderbolt because one has to see someone to aim a thunderbolt at them. Pairs face off in turns for two out of three battles. The winners get a point and then face off against each other. The overall winner gets wreathed.

We made "Hero" banners with their names in Ancient Greek

Made swords out of paint stirrers, duct tape in a variety of colors, and "Jewels."

### Word Scramble

egsupsa (Pegasus)  
tbeta (battle)  
umantrio (minotaur)

pomyanli (olympian)  
rheaptido (Aphrodite)  
tusqe (quest)

thalbirny (labyrinth)  
tresosmn (monster)  
aturneved (adventure)

cpecoysil (cyclopes)  
dasume (medusa)